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FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 5th April 2023

**S.R.O. No.221/2023.**—Whereas Forest Block Chura (A) Reserve Forest under Section-20 A of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, has been notified by Government of Odisha, Revenue Department Notification No. 9365-12-42 (m/2) 58 dated the 14th March 1959 indicating an area of 7782.00 Ha. in Kegaon Forest Range of Kalahandi North Forest Division as per Annexure-I,

And whereas, the Government of Odisha in the Forest & Environment Department have notified a "Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Geo-referencing of Forest Block boundary through DGPS Survey" in the *Odisha Gazette* vide Notification No. 22572400112016-10F(Cons) 77/2016/14097-F&E dated the 4th July 2017, for preparation of such geo-referenced forest maps in pursuance of the directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court in their Order dated the 6th July 2011 (in IA Nos. 1868, 2091, 2225-2227, 2380, 2568 and 2937 in Writ Petition (C) No. 202 of 1995- Lafarge matter);

And whereas, the Government of Odisha have appointed all Tehsildars in their respective Tehsil jurisdiction in the respective districts as Forest Settlement Officer (FSO) vide Notification No. 10 F (TR) 38/2020/7767-F&E dated the 21st May 2020;

And whereas, the Forest Revenue Joint Verification Committee (FRJVS) has jointly verified and confirmed the boundary pillar positions as per report in Annexure-II;

And whereas, the Forest Settlement Officer has certified 'No Change' in the boundary extent of Chura (A) RF post 25th October 1980; The DGPS survey boundary co-ordinates have been verified by ORSAC and certified by the Forest Settlement Officer; The computed area (UTM zone 44N projection and WGS 84 datum) of the Chura (A) RF is 7637.879 Ha. or 18873.61 Ac; The change in area is due to method of Survey & Area Computation;

Therefore, it has been decided to supplement the existing notification of the Chura (A) RF with the above mentioned FSO certified DGPS surveyed Forest Block Map as per Annexure-III and the statement of geo-co-ordinates of the forest block boundary pillar positions as per Annexure-IV,

which shall be treated as the precise boundary description of the Chura (A) RF and shall form an integral part of the original notification in place of any other form of boundary description notified earlier.

There shall be no change to the admitted rights in the original notification.

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By order of the Governor

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